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SUBJ: SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE/PRESSURE ON YUGOSLA VS

REF: BELGRADE 4443 (NOTAL)

1. WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO THREE RECENT PRESS  
REPORTS ON SOVIET NAVY AND YUGOSLAVIA. ONE WAS AUG 10  
REUTERS DISPATCH OUT OF BELGRADE REPORTING PRESENCE OF  
ONE CONFIRMED AND TWO POSSIBLE UNMARKED SOVIET NAVAL  
VESSELS AT BIJELA IN KOTOR BAY. INFORMATION IS ATTRIBUTED  
TO "WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" AND "WESTERN MILITARY  
SOURCES". ARTICLE SAYS "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" STATED THAT  
"TITO HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE KREMLIN TO GRANT  
MORE FACILITIES TO THE SOVIET MEDITERRANEAN FLEET EVER  
SINCE EGYPT CLOSED ITS PORTS TO RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ON  
APRIL 16." FURTHER THAT "MILITARY SOURCES" SAID "A  
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SOVIET SUBMARINE TENDER WAS SIGHTED IN BIJELA HARBOR

ON AUGUST 5."

2. REUTERS CORRESPONDENT TOLD PAO THAT HE HAS UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR DAYS BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL GOY COMMENT OR REACTION TO STORY. (INABILITY TO REACH RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IS POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SUMMER VACATION ABSENCES.)

3. ANOTHER REPORT CAME FROM "TANJUG" AUG 7, WHICH STATED THAT MUNICH'S "SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG'S" BELGRADE CORRESPONDENT REPORTED "WESTERN MILITARY EXPERTS ARE, WITH SURPRISE AND CERTAIN CONCERN, WATCHING THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF SOVIET NAVAL FORCES IN YUGOSLAV WATERS." ARTICLE SAYS GOY REPS WHEN ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO CONTROL WHAT SOVIET SHIPS DO WITH THEIR FREIGHT AFTER THEY LEAVE ADRIATIC PORTS.

4. LATEST REPORT IN THIS REGARD, IS "TANJUG" FROM MOSCOW ON IMPENDING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY SOVIET NAVAL COMMANDER ADM. GORSKOV, AS REPORTED BY SOVIET DEFMIN ORGAN, "KRASNAJA ZVEZDA" ON ITS FRONT PAGE AUG 11. GORSKOV WILL BE GUEST OF YUGOSLAV NAVY CHIEF, ADM. MAMULA.

5. COMMENT: OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES OBVIOUSLY SHARE INTEREST AND CONCERN ON SOVIET USE OF ADRIATIC PORTS AND ARE BEGINNING TO LET YUGOSLAVS KNOW. ON OTHER HAND, GORSKOV VISIT SHOULD CONTINUE PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVS FOR MORE SOVIET ACCESS. THIS, INCIDENTALLY, OUR FIRST KNOWLEDGE THAT VISIT SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME. CAB SILBERMAN

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